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BARBARA BLUM TO YURIY IZRAEL AND DEPUTY AGRICULTURE MINISTER
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REQUEST EMBASSY DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTERS FROM EPA DEPUTY
ADMINISTRATOR BLUM TO IZRAEL AND RUNOV (ORIGINALS POUCHED):

JULY 17, 1978

ACADEMICIAN YURIY A. IZRAEL
CHAIRMAN, STATE COMMITTEE FOR HYDROMETEOROLOGY AND CONTROL
OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
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MOSCOW G-376, USSR

DEAR DR. IZRAEL:

I WISH TO TELL YOU OF MY GREAT REGRET THAT IT WAS NECESSARY
FOR ME TO CANCEL MY VISIT TO YOUR COUNTRY. THIS DECISION
WAS, AS YOU KNOW, PROMPTED BY DEEP CONCERN OVER THE TREAT-

MENT OF DISSIDENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION.

LET ME TAKE THIS OCCASION TO STRESS THAT DOUG COSTLE AND I ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE CONTINUATION OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL SCIENTIFIC WORK UNDER THE US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT. WE BELIEVE VERY VALUABLE RESULTS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER COOPERATION.

I HOPE CONDITIONS WILL SOON PERMIT A RESUMPTION OF HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS UNDER THE US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT. BOTH DOUG AND I VALUE OUR PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL TIES WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES. I HOPE YOU WILL CONVEY TO YOUR COLLEAGUES MY APPRECIATION FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE FOR MY VISIT.

SINCERELY YOURS,

BARBARA BLUM
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

JULY 17, 1978

MR. BORIS RUNOV
DEPUTY MINISTER
USSR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
MOSCOW, USSR
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DEAR MR. RUNOV:

I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY SINCERE REGRET THAT IT WAS NECESSARY FOR ME TO CANCEL MY VISIT TO YOUR COUNTRY. AS YOU KNOW, THIS DECISION WAS PROMPTED BY DEEP CONCERN OVER THE TREATMENT OF DISSIDENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION.

I WISH TO STRESS THAT BOTH DOUG COSTLE AND I ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE CONTINUATION OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL SCIENTIFIC WORK UNDER THE US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT HIGHLY USEFUL RESULTS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER COOPERATION.

I HOPE CONDITIONS WILL PERMIT ME TO TRAVEL TO YOUR COUNTRY IN THE FUTURE. LET ME EXPRESS TO YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES MY APPRECIATION FOR THE PREPARATIONS THAT HAD BEEN MADE FOR MY VISIT.

SINCERELY YOURS,

BARBARA BLUM

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR CHRISTOPHER

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